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This report contains the results from the **Bee and Honey Survey**, conducted during the first half of January 2006 for obtaining information on bee colonies, honey production, sales and price for 2005. The data for the past ten years are posted on our web site at the Internet address above and more detailed U.S. report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or telephone interview for the surveys.

2005 Honey Production Up 8 Percent

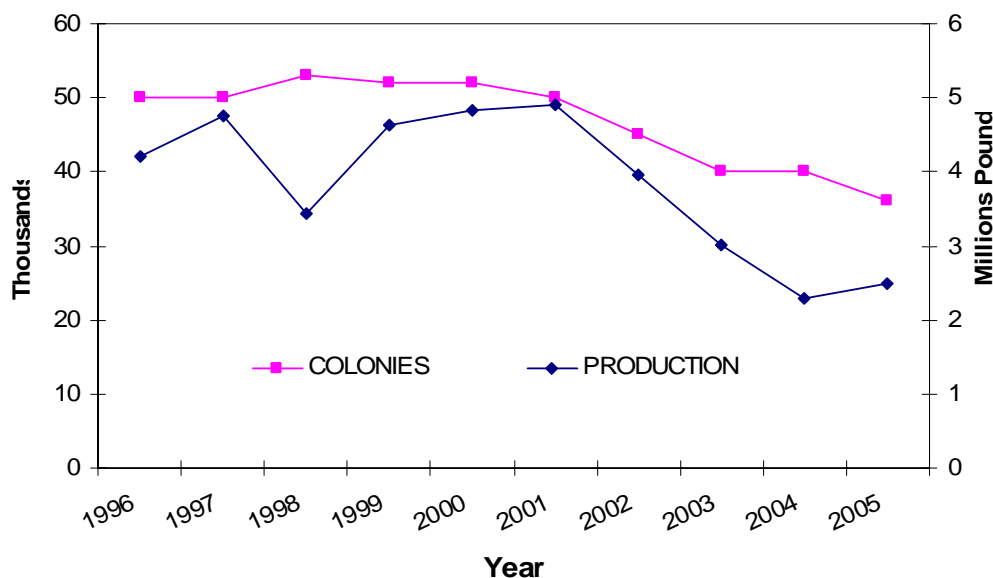
Arkansas: Honey production during 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.5 million pounds, up 270,000 head, down 8 percent from 2004. The state ranked 16th in the nation for honey production, down from 2004. There were 36,000 colonies producing honey in 2005, down 10 percent from the previous year. **Yield per colony** average 69 pounds, up 12 pounds from 2004. **Honey stocks** held by producers on December 15, 2005 were 571,000 pounds up 9 percent. **Average honey price** increased to \$0.95 from \$0.86 in 2004. **The value of production** totaled \$2.36 million, up 20 percent from the previous year.

Number of Colonies, Yield , Production, Stocks, Price and Value¹ Arkansas and U.S., 2004 And 2005

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2004	2005	%Chg	2004	2005	%Chg
Honey Producing Colonies²	1,000	40	36	-10	2,556	2,410	-6
Yield per Colony	Pounds	57	69	+21	71.8	72.5	+1
Production	1,000 Pounds	2,280	2,484	+9	183,582	174,643	-5
Stocks on December 15³	1,000 Pounds	388	571	+47	61,222	62,406	+2
Average Price per Pound⁴	Dollars	0.86	0.95	+11	1.069	.904	-15
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	1,961	2,360	+20	196,259	157,795	-20

¹For producers with 5 or more colonies ²Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state ³Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. ⁴Prices weighted by sales

Honey Producing Colonies and Production Arkansas, 1996-2005



Honey Price By Color Class¹, United States, 2004-2005

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-Op and Private			Retail			All Sales		
	2004	2005	%Chg	2004	2005	%Chg	2004	2005	%Chg
	<i>Dollar per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollar per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollar per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Water White,									
Extra White, and White	104.4	82.4	-21	177.0	186.7	+6	107.5	86.2	-20
Extra Light Amber	95.9	79.4	-17	150.6	178.0	+18	102.0	88.3	-13
Light Amber,									
Amber Dark Amber	85.9	80.1	-7	196.0	178.9	-9	105.1	99.1	-6
All Other Honey:									
Area Specialties	113.9	91.6	-20	231.5	279.2	+21	161.5	108.4	-33
All Honey	99.2	81.6	-18	182.6	183.3	0	106.9	90.4	-15

¹Price by color class available for U.S. only. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold For each marketing channel at the U.S. level